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At The Military-Industrial Conferences Big Business Plans Strategic

# Military Discusses New

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The conference was a meeting of minds between military and industrial leaders. It was a chance for them to discuss the future of the military and the role of industry in it. The military leaders were from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The industrial leaders were from a variety of companies, including General Electric, IBM, and Ford.

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SINCE 1955

The Military-Industrial Conference, an amalgam of military leaders in the field of commerce and business tycoons, was founded in 1955 with the aim of achieving total mobilization of the economy.

On the Washington Liaison Committee of the Conference sits Gen. Trudeau, together with representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the American Legion, heads of major corporations, other representatives of the armed forces.

Are America's military leaders playing fast and loose with the peace of the world? Here is what Gen. Trudeau, who is circulating the document in the Pentagon about overthrowing Socialist nations, said at a conference of the Military-Industrial Institute.

The outcome of the contest

is not to determine now, only whether we live in a free or a slave state but whether, by the turn of the century world trade will be based on four rubles to the dollar or four dollars to the ruble. We can remain the champion in this vicious race by exerting our full strength and rise to great heights for the benefit of all mankind, or we can sulk like fearful and frustrated people and face the possibility of going down in the ignominy of defeat. The choice is ours; the hour is late; the time for decision is now.

This speech was made April 26, 1966, at the Sherman Hotel.



TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Frank R. Barnett, who wants to organize "liberation troops" to erase Socialism and one of the main ideologists of the Military-Industrial Conferences; General Robert E. Wood, retired Sears Roebuck chairman, who headed the America First Committee; Jack L. Camp, of International Harvester Company, who rushed to Washington in attempt to garner the tractor order for Cuba; and John Stizewicz, former under-secretary of the Army and chairman of the board

of Kable Printing Co. They have all been speakers at several Industrial conferences

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: General Arthur D. Trudeau, chief of staff of the Department of the Army; Major General J. Peltier, Chief of the Bureau of Engineers; and Major General J. Peltier, Chief of the Bureau of Engineers

before 1960 top military and industrial leaders, including representatives of America's most powerful monopolies.

Keeping up the drum beat for war was Rear Admiral Chester W. Wilson (Ret.) former chief advocate of the U. S. Navy, who condemned the Eisenhower administration for having lost the U-2 flights over the Soviet Union. Speaking before a Chicago regional meeting of the same organization, with more than 1,000 present, at the Prudential Building, the bristling admiral said:

"We should not have suspended the U-2 flights after the Powers affair. We should have told the Russians we would con-

sider them down if they could. You must understand one simple principle: we cannot afford to lose; we can afford to win."

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## INVASION PLANNER

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having a substantial advantage over us both in general and in limited war forces during the first half of this decade. Only by heroic measures taken now can we partially offset this threat. The second five years, if we survive, allow us time to use our resources to reconstitute our strength."

Admiral Burke, one of President Kennedy's top advisers, in a bristling speech this year laid it on the line. The American way had to win, he emphasized. This is how he put it to the conference:

"To put it bluntly, the future of the Free World, the conditions of human life for years to come are now being determined. And

the people of the United States must witness the death of freedom and the end of free society. The fate of our country depends on what we as a nation and as individual citizens are willing to do today. In our hands rest the responsibility for the future of the American concepts."

## DESPERATE WORDS

These were the desperate words of the man who is reputed to be one of the architects of the invasion of Cuba. Admiral Burke is an impatient man. He pleaded, "Why do so many stubbornly refuse to understand the grim realities of the conflict in which we are engaged?"

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